



# A PARTNERSHIP OF HOPE:

Building a Future We  
All Want to Live In

The 2004 Family Policy Council  
Network Partners' Summit

December 1-3, 2004

Tacoma Convention Center  
1500 Broadway  
Tacoma, Washington

*With special training opportunities for  
guardians ad litem and judicial officers.*

# OUR FEATURED SPEAKER: Peter Westbrook

Peter Westbrook is one of the nation's most respected experts on youth development. He is the founder and executive director of the Peter Westbrook Foundation. Peter is a six-time member of the U.S. Olympic Fencing Team and the winner of the 1984 bronze medal. He holds an unbelievable thirteen individual national championship titles and was a finalist at the 1989 World Championships. Peter experienced first hand the incredible hardships faced by young people in the urban centers, growing up in the projects in Newark, New Jersey. Through fencing, he was able to escape the all too common and devastating circumstances of his inner-city environment.

Fencing gave Peter a chance, and because of his profound sense of gratitude, he has dedicated himself to extending that same opportunity to the inner-city youth of today. The Foundation places a great deal of emphasis on students' social and personal growth, cultural awareness and academic achievement. Their educational initiatives are diverse and include guest speakers, a tutorial program, essay contests and field trips. Olympic fencer Kamara James, Ivan Lee, Erinn Smart, Keeth Smart and Aki Spencer-El were all introduced to the sport through the Peter Westbrook Foundation.



## WHO SHOULD COME?

The Family Policy Council Network Partners' Summit is for anyone who wants to help at this time, including:

- Community, civic and business leaders.
- Residents concerned about children and families.
- Service providers and program managers.
- Policy makers interested in policies affecting children and families.
- Educators and school counselors.
- Juvenile Court Administrators.
- Faith community leaders.
- All Community Public Health and Safety Network volunteers, staff and partners.
- State and local staff from Family Policy Council member agencies: Departments of Social and Health Services, Employment Security Department, Department of Health, Department of Community Trade and Economic Development, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.
- Guardians ad Litem and Judicial Officers.

## FOR GUARDIANS AD LITEM AND JUDICIAL OFFICERS

The Family Policy Council welcomes Peter Jaffe, a pioneer in understanding domestic violence, its effects on child witnesses, and the significance of domestic violence in making custody decisions. Dr. Jaffe will offer in-depth training designed to meet the requirements of the state's GAL curriculum for Title 13 and Title 26.

- **When:** Wednesday, December 1, 2004 from 1:00 -5:00 p.m.
- **Location:** Tacoma Convention Center.
- **Cost:** \$40, including certificate of participation.
- **Bonus:** Attend the Network Partners' Summit on December 2 and 3 for the special rate of \$200 with hotel and \$75 for commuters.

## THE BENEFITS OF ATTENDING

**In just three days, you will learn:**

- Why preventing early childhood trauma-from child abuse to witnessing domestic violence-is the most cost-effective investment you can make, whether you are a business person, government entity or concerned community member.
- How you can help families with loved ones serving in Iraq and Afghanistan now, and after the soldier returns home.
- Strategies for effective youth development that reach across the boundaries of class, race and language.
- How to help your community find its own unique path for strengthening families.

## REGISTER BY NOVEMBER 16

### **Commuter Rate \$149**

Exclusively for participants who do not need overnight accommodations. Includes high quality education, meals and breaks.

### **Hotel Rate \$299**

Exclusively for participants who live and work 50+ miles from Tacoma. Includes high quality education, meals and breaks, and two nights at the Sheraton Tacoma Hotel.

### **Guardian ad Litem Training**

**\$40** December 1 training with Peter Jaffe. Includes certificate of participation.

**\$75** Join the Summit Fee. For commuters who will join the Summit on December 2-3.

**\$200** Join the Summit Hotel Fee. For GALs who will join the Summit on December 2-3 and stay at the Sheraton Tacoma Hotel.

**Limitations:** Participants taking advantage of the low Hotel Rate of \$299 must live and work more than 50 miles from Tacoma. **You must make your own reservation by calling the Sheraton Tacoma Hotel at 253-572-3200 and ask for a room in the Family Policy Council block no later than November 9, 2004.** The Sheraton Tacoma Hotel is located at 1320 Broadway Plaza, just two blocks from the Tacoma Convention Center.

# A PARTNERSHIP OF HOPE:

## Building a A Future We All Want To Live In

**Washington State is full of hope.** And with good reason. Our communities are strong, smart and determined to build a future we all want to live in. Family Policy Council, a family-community-state partnership, brings families, neighbors, and community leaders together to solve the most heartbreaking and expensive social problems we know of. Child abuse and neglect. Domestic violence. Youth substance abuse. Teen suicide and despair.

**Because we all agree that even a few victims are too many, our committed partners do what it takes to build stronger, safer and healthier families and communities.** And we get extraordinary results. Because of Family Policy Council Community Networks and their partnerships:

- In Pierce County, there are over 75 foster families caring for children whose parents are in jail or rehab after a methamphetamine lab bust. And when it's time to reunite these families, there is a home for them, Phoebe House, where supervision and parenting programs keep kids safe and help recovering moms stay off drugs for good.
- In order to help children who witness domestic violence, mental health professionals in Spokane County arrive on the scene of domestic disputes with police. Reaching out to children at this difficult time makes the biggest difference.
- In Asotin and Garfield Counties, suicidal youth get real help. Last year, trained "Natural Helpers" identified 33 of their peers who were thinking about suicide and alerted adults, who helped to prevent at least two deaths.

But there's still more work to do. In Washington:

- On any given day, there are more than 3,500 children in foster care because their parents are unwilling or unable to provide a safe home.
- Fifty-five battered women were killed by their abusers between September 1, 2000 and August 31, 2002. Six of their children were also murdered.
- Twenty-six youth committed suicide in 2002.

**The Family Policy Council, its member agencies, and all of Washington's Community Public Health and Safety Networks invite you to participate in the 2004 Network Partners' Summit.** Please join the world's leading researchers and experts, America's most experienced policy makers and service providers, and Washington's most committed community leaders and volunteers to strengthen our Partnership of Hope.

Be sure to join the celebration on Wednesday evening, December 1, as the Family Policy Council honors the incredible accomplishments of Community Public Health and Safety Networks and their Partnership of Hope.



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# Family Policy Council BUILDS HOPE

What makes the Family Policy Council so special? It encourages partnership. Among families and neighbors. In communities. Between bureaucracies and disciplines that usually stand alone.

Coming together to get a job done, to raise expectations that tomorrow will be better than today, to imagine a future we all want to live in, to solve the hardest problems. That is a partnership of hope.

Hopeless means “no expectation of improvement.” But hope...hope gets results.

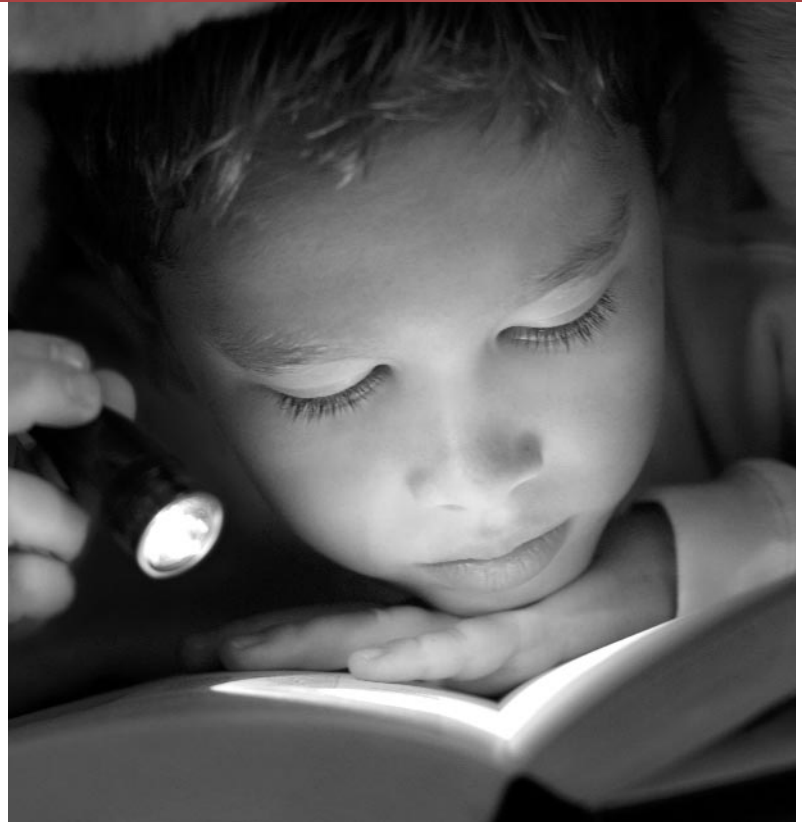
## Building a Safe Future

- In Whatcom County, the overwhelming majority of calls to 9-1-1 and Child Protective Services (CPS) were coming from a handful of neighborhoods. Rather than write them off, **Whatcom County Community Network** decided to build a Partnership of Hope in those places. And it worked.

In 1995, there were 300 calls a month to CPS. By 2003, the number was down to 146 calls a month. Importantly, in 1995, 200 of the monthly calls were about physical and sexual abuse. By 2003, that number dropped to 50. Calls to 9-1-1 and juvenile crime rates have dropped off as well. The Whatcom Network built hope by engaging neighbors, developing problem-solving and leadership skills, decreasing social isolation, and increasing resources to get the job done. Recently, neighborhood residents asked a local church to help, and more than 200 congregants volunteered for mentoring, tutoring, and many other family-support activities.

- When the **Adams County Community Network** was formed, the county had the highest rate of juvenile crime in the state. Thanks to their Partnership of Hope, youth crime is plummeting. In 1994, there were 459 juvenile arrests, 79 juveniles were charged with a felony, and 139 youth were convicted of a crime. In 2001, there were only 240 arrests. In 2002, only 29 youth were charged with felonies and just 54 youth were convicted of a crime.

To make their vision of “safe living for all” a reality, the Adams County Community Network increases resources for prevention. Through its community-wide grant writing strategy,



the Network sought and received over \$595,000 in grants and awards in the 2001-03 biennium, including the Byrne, Drug-Free Communities, and School's Out Washington grants.

## Building a Future Where Neighbors Make a Powerful Difference

- Sometimes parents need a little help, and the **San Juan Community Network** makes sure they get it. The Network established a Partnership of Hope with schools, service providers, drug and alcohol prevention, business and local residents to ensure that every family—no matter which of the 172 islands they live on—has the opportunity to succeed. The result: for the last three years, San Juan has maintained the historic achievement of just one child in foster care due to abuse.

- In rugged and rural Okanogan County, it can be difficult to get together, get around or get to services and resources. Unemployment is high, poverty is pervasive and arrests for drug and alcohol related crimes outpace the rest of the state. The situation can feel hopeless. So, the **Okanogan Community Network** decided to increase hope for the future as a way to reduce high rates of substance abuse, teen pregnancy and dropping out of school.

One of its most innovative efforts, Okanogan Network Youth Grants, brings youth and adults together to build skills and complete projects. In two years, 2,320 youth completed 25 projects designed and led by their peers. 1,680 adults helped them by supervising, teaching skills, and participating in dialogues, meetings, performances, activities and learning. The youth learned dozens of skills that will help them in school, relationships, life and on the job. The results: 74% of the participating youth said they gained a sense of purpose; 72% felt more competent; and 56% said they feel more hopeful for the future. Nearly all the participating adults want to continue doing projects with the youth in the future.

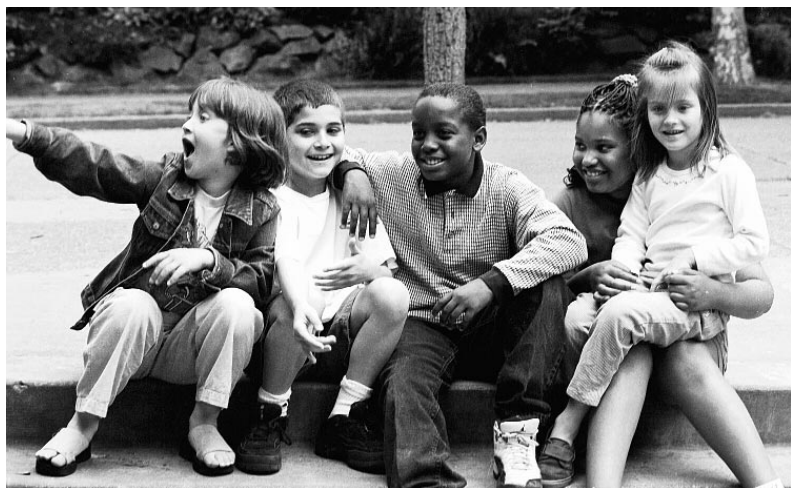
## Building a Future Where Kids Complete School

- Faced with a dropout rate twice the state average, the **Chelan/Douglas Community Network** is committed to resolving the problems that put kids at risk of dropping out of school to begin with. The Network partnered with schools, civic groups like Rotary, service providers, and the Health District to reduce bullying, prejudice and other anti-social behaviors—as well as their effects on school success. Over 1,250 students and staff at nine schools participated in Challenge Day, a powerful program to end violence. And it worked.

In a letter to the editor, Kelly Green of Monitor wrote, “We relearned the meaning of human compassion. In an age when social, economic and racial barriers overwhelm and swallow our children, the Challenge Day Program seeks to replace all forms of oppression with understanding and compassion, and to propel these basic ideas back to the forefront of our schools and communities...Thank you again for reminding us to befriend a child in need—any child—and make them feel safe, valued and loved.” The results: administrators from all nine schools reported an immediate—and lasting—drop in discipline referrals for aggressive and violent behaviors after the Challenge Day Program.

- A tutor for the **Shoalwater Bay Nation**, with permission from parents, goes into the classroom and sits with children

who are struggling at school. “The kids,” he says, “hate it, but immediately start getting their work done.” Thirty Shoalwater Bay children get this kind of support. It’s part of an overall strategy by the five Indian Tribes belonging to the South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency (SPIPA) to improve educational and life outcomes for Indian youth at-risk. Together, these Tribes and their **SPIPA Network** engage and empower youth through cultural knowledge; offer healthy choices and activities; and do what it takes to build the skills to succeed at school. And it’s paying off: the 75 youth participating in a recent Intertribal Youth Summit set 100% high school graduation as a goal.



# FAMILY POLICY COUNCIL MEMBERS

## MEMBER AGENCIES

Department of  
Community, Trade & Economic Development

Department of Health

Department of  
Social and Health Services

Employment Security Department

Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction

House Democratic Caucus

House Republican Caucus

Senate Democratic Caucus

Senate Republican Caucus

Office of the Governor

## COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY NETWORKS

Adams County Community Network

Asotin/Garfield Community Network

Benton County Community Public Health  
and Safety Network

Chelan/Douglas Community Network

Chi-e-chee Network

Clallam County Community Network

Clark County Community Network

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Greater Pierce County Community Network

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Okanogan Community Network

San Juan County Community Network

Skamania/Klickitat Family Service Network

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